

SOCIAL GAMBLING IN IOWA
License Required

Criteria	Premises with a class “A,” “B,” “C” or “D” liquor license or a class “B” beer permit (99B.6)	Qualified Organizations Holding Annual Game Night (99B.7 and 99B.8)	Annual Game Night (99B.8)	Public Places (99B.9)
<i>License Required</i>	Yes	Yes – must have both qualified organization license and annual game night licenses	Yes	Yes
<i>License Timeframe</i>	2 Years [99B.2(1)]	One 12-hour period per year for annual game night	One 12-hour period per year	2 Years [99B.2(1)]
<i>License Fee</i>	\$150	\$25 for annual game night	\$25	\$100
<i>Social Games Allowed</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Card and parlor games, including but not limited to poker, pinochle, pitch, gin rummy, bridge, euchre, hearts, cribbage, dominoes, checkers, chess, backgammon, pool, and darts.• Games of skill and games of chance• Wagers or bets between two or more individuals who are physically in the presence of each other with respect to a contest allowed under section 99B.11 or with respect to any other event or outcome which does not depend upon gambling or the use of a gambling device unlawful in this state.	Games of Skill Games of Chance Card games, which includes poker.	Games of Skill Games of Chance Card games, which includes poker	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Card and parlor games, including but not limited to poker, pinochle, pitch, gin rummy, bridge, euchre, hearts, cribbage, dominoes, checkers, chess, backgammon, pool, and darts.• Games of skill and games of chance• Wagers or bets between two or more individuals who are physically in the presence of each other with respect to a contest allowed under section 99B.11 or with respect to any other event or outcome which does not depend upon gambling or the use of a gambling device unlawful in this state.
<i>Age Limit</i>	21, except for amusement concessions, raffles, and bingo.	None	None	None
<i>Win/Loss Limit</i>	\$50 total in a 24-hour period	Up to \$250 may be expended for fees and wagers; No cash may be won	Not applicable	\$50 total in a 24-hour period
<i>Cover or participation charge</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not allowed for playing or observing.• No discount or special rate for goods or services for participants vs others on the premises.• Annual or Periodic dues to an organization, such as the Elks, are not considered a cover or participation charge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May charge an entrance fee or participation fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No consideration is paid to participate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not allowed for playing or observing.• No discount or special rate for goods or services for participants vs others on the premises.• Annual or Periodic dues to an organization, such as the Elks, are not considered a cover or participation charge.
<i>Wager own money</i>	Yes	Yes, with limitations (Participant may wager own funds, but the total of all fees and wagers expended may not exceed \$250)	No	Yes

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<i>Other Restrictions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensee or licensee’s agent or employee does not participate in, sponsor, conduct or promote, or act as cashier or banker for any gambling activities, except as a participant while playing on the same basis as every other participant. • No concealed numbers or conversion charts used to play any game. • Game is not adapted with any control device to permit manipulation of the game by the operator in order to prevent a player from winning or to predetermine the winner. • All money must go to the participants for winning and not for any other purpose. • No person can participate as an agent for another person. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrictions of qualified organization apply, including prizes may only be merchandise and that the receipts less expenses are paid out as prizes or 75% distributed for charitable purposes • Sponsor doesn’t have to have a bona fide social relationship with participant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted only one time a year during a period of 12 consecutive hours. • Bona fide social or employment relationship exists between the sponsor and all of the participants. • Person conducting the games receives no consideration. • No other gambling occurs at the same location at the same time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensee or licensee’s agent or employee does not participate in, sponsor, conduct or promote, or act as cashier or banker for any gambling activities. • No concealed numbers or conversion charts used to play any game. • Game is not adapted with any control device to permit manipulation of the game by the operator in order to prevent a player from winning or to predetermine the winner. • All money must go to the participants for winning and not for any other purpose. • No person can participate as an agent for another person. • 99B.9 does not apply to someone’s home if that person is a participant in the activities.
<i>Penalties</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A licensee knowingly allowing a person under 21 to participate is guilty of a simple misdemeanor. • A person knowingly participating with a person under 21 is guilty of a simple misdemeanor. • License revocation for violating section or rules, if the licensee knew or had reasonable cause to know a violation was occurring. • Participant in a social game not in compliance with this section shall be liable for a criminal penalty if that participant knew or had reason to know a violation was occurring. • Licensee and any agent of the licensee knowingly permits or engages in activity violating this section or rules commits a serious misdemeanor. The licensee has knowledge if the agent has knowledge. • License denial, suspension or revocation for violation of 99B or rules. • Serious misdemeanor for failing to comply. • Serious misdemeanor for failure to maintain or submit required records. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License denial, suspension or revocation for violation of 99B or rules. • Serious misdemeanor for failing to comply. • Serious misdemeanor for failure to maintain or submit required records. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License denial, suspension or revocation for violation of 99B or rules. • Serious misdemeanor for failing to comply. • Serious misdemeanor for failure to maintain or submit required records. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License revocation for violating section or rules, whether or not the licensee had knowledge of the facts constituting the violation. • Participant in a social game not in compliance with this section shall be liable for a criminal penalty if that participant knew or had reason to know a violation was occurring. • Licensee and any agent of the licensee knowingly permits or engages in activity violating this section or rules commits a serious misdemeanor. The licensee has knowledge if the agent has knowledge. • License denial, suspension or revocation for violation of 99B or rules. • Serious misdemeanor for failing to comply. • Serious misdemeanor for failure to maintain or submit required records.

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<i>Other provisions of interest</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">May conduct a sports betting pool, with a maximum wager of \$5 and maximum winnings to all participants of \$500. Requires a license. Must follow many of the same rules as Social Games.	Schools may sponsor one or more game nights for students using play money with prior approval by the school board, public or private schools, without obtaining a license.	Schools may sponsor one or more game nights for students using play money with prior approval by the school board, public or private schools, without obtaining a license.	